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Preface: In this Study we will be studying the topic of Anthropology. Study of Man aka humans. As we look at this word of Anthropology which is composed of two Greek words 1) An'thropos meaning man or human 2)-logy which comes from logos meaning study of or the word. In the time we are living there is a wrong view on humans. And if they get that wrong, how will they ever get a right view on who is God and what does he want from us? Evolutionists teach we came from monkeys who came from reptiles who came from fish who came from one cell organisms who came from nothing. Others teach we came from an explosion of a star. And among the unitics here we are seeking the truth in the Bible which is God's word. And not a human invention. What does the Bible teach on the subject? What is man's purpose? And what is man's end? That is what should be on our mind and many times comes to our mind as we study this important subject which is so often misunderstood by many.

Chapter 01: Man was made in the image of God

As we dive into this important topic we will start with the fundamental truth that when he was made, he was made in the image of God. Let's read this :

(Genesis 1:26-27) Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created

them. (NKJV)

(Genesis 5:1) This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. (NKJV)

(Genesis 9:6) Whoever sheds man's blood, his blood will be shed by man, for God made man in his own image. (WEB)

I would like for you to recognize one truth in these passages and that is and it is the word "man". It is singular. It doesn't say men. It doesn't say humanity. In the Hebrew is the word אָדָם pronounce *aw-dawm* "Adam". And at these passages it is talking about the first male. The word Adam in the Greek also means red dirt.

For man was made out of the ground. You can see this in Genesis 2:7

(Genesis 2:7) Yahweh God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. (WEB)

See also :

Josephus in Antiquities Of The Jews Book 1 Chapter 1 {"This man was called Adam, which in the Hebrew tongue signifies *one that is red*, because he was formed out of red earth, compounded together; for of that kind is virgin and true earth."}

It is true that woman also bears the image of God but she receives the image through the man. Because she came out of the man.

(Genesis 2:20-23) The man gave names to all livestock, and to the birds of the sky, and to every animal of the field; but for man there was not found a helper suitable for him. Yahweh God caused a deep sleep to fall on the man, and he slept; and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. He made the rib, which Yahweh God had taken from the man, into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh. She will be called Woman, because she

was taken out of Man." (WEB)

(1 Corinthians 11:3-7) But I would have you know that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is the man, and the head of Christ is God. Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonors his head. But every woman praying or prophesying with her head unveiled dishonors her head. For it is one and the same thing as if she were shaved. For if a woman is not covered, let her also be shorn. But if it is shameful for a woman to be shorn or shaved, let her be covered. For a man indeed ought not to have his head covered, because he is the image and glory of God, but the woman is the glory of the man. (WEB)

Again let's repeat this so we can get this clear and understood by all who is reading this magazine or book. Man receives his image from God and the woman received her image from the man which was made in the image of God. So the woman does have the image of God but that image is through the man. It is through Adam.

Chapter 02 : What is the Image of God

In Speaking about the topic about the image of God comes a very logical question what is the image of God? And in this Chapter I goal is to answer this very question. There are many different views about what is the image of God by many different theologians . Before we look at the different options on the image of God it is important to note that whatever this image is, It is invisible. For God the Father is invisible. Colossians 1:15 when speaking about Jesus states that he has the image of God the Father who is invisible.

(Colossians 1:15) who (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. (WEB)

This is why the scripture states no one has seen God the Father

(John 1:18) No one has seen God at any time. The one and only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has declared him. (WEB)

John 5:37 "And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form.(NKJV)

Notice No one has seen God , God is invisible. And he has a image and Jesus is and has that image of God which can't be seen by human eyes.

John Calvin states in Book 1 Chapter 11 of Institutes of the Christian Religion {" We see how plainly God declares against all figures, to make us aware that all longing after such visible shapes is rebellion against him. Of the prophets, it will be sufficient to mention Isaiah, who is the most copious on this subjects ([Isa 40:18](#); [Isa 41:7](#),[Isa 41:29](#); [Isa 45:9](#); [Isa 46:5](#)), in order to show how the majesty of God is defiled by an absurd and indecorous fiction, when he who is incorporeal is assimilated to corporeal matter; he who is invisible to a visible image; he who is a spirit to an inanimate object; and he who fills all space to a bit of paltry wood, or stone, or gold. "}

Now What is that image? The following is the differant opions of many.

- 1) Free will
- 2) Holiness
- 3) Power to create
- 4) Authority
- 5) Spiritaul life

These are 5 differant opions on what this image can be. The one I mention last as Spiritaul Life is also my own opion of what is that image of God Which the first man Adam once had. If one has the 5th which is Spiritaul life possess all 5 of these attributes. This is due to the fact that when man commited the first sin he died spiritaully. And What we gain in the New

Testament when we are saved is spiritual life.

(Ephesians 2:1) You were made alive when you were dead in transgressions and sins, (WEB)

Chapter 03 : Man loses or ruins the image of God

We ended our last study on What I believed was the image of God. And I said Why I think the image of God is spiritual life .

(Genesis 5:1-3) This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, he made him in God's likeness. He created them male and female, and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created. Adam lived one hundred thirty years, and became the father of a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth. (WEB)

You may not notice by reading this passage but there is a big difference in Verse 1 where the image of God is given to Adam and verse 3 where the image of Adam which was given to Seth.

The NIV study Bible states {"As God created Sinless Adam in his own perfect image so now sinful Adam has a son in his own imperfect image "}

John Wesley the founder of the Methodist in his commentary on verse 3 {"....But that which is most observable here concerning Seth, is, that Adam begat him in his own likeness after his image-Adam was made in the image of God; but when he was fallen and corrupted, he begat a son in his own image, sinful and defiled, frail and mortal, and miserable like himself; not only a man like himself, consisting of body and soul; but a sinner like himself, guilty and obnoxious, degenerate and corrupt. He was conceived and born in sin, Ps 51:5. This was Adam's own likeness, the reverse of that Divine likeness in which Adam was made; but having lost it himself he could

not convey it to his seed."}

John Calvin in his Commentary on Genesis 5 states ("**3. And begat a son in his own likeness** . We have lately said that Moses traces the offspring of Adam only through the line of Seth, to propose for our consideration the succession of the Church. In saying that Seth begat a son after his own image, he refers in part to the first origin of our nature: at the same time its corruption and pollution is to be noticed, which having been contracted by Adam through the fall, has flowed down to all his posterity. If he had remained upright, he would have transmitted to all his children what he had received: but now we read that Seth, as well as the rest, was defiled; because Adams who had fallen from his original state, could beget none but such as were like himself. If any one should object that Seth with his family had been elected by the special grace of God: the answer is easy and obvious; namely, that a supernatural remedy does not prevent carnal generation from participating in the corruption of sin. Therefore, according to the flesh, Seth was born a sinner; but afterwards he was renewed by the grace of the Spirit. This sad instance of the holy patriarch furnishes us with ample occasion to deplore our own wretchedness."}

Here we have two theologians John Calvin and John Wesley agreeing on the same passage from two different system theology. Although John Calvin didn't taught that the image of God in man was completely lost as John Wesley did but he agree that it was not the same as it was originally. And in that both John Wesley and John Calvin could agree.

So the image of God was lost or mared when Adam sinned , So how is he able to get it back? This will be our subject in our next chapter.

Now lets go to Genesis 2 : 17

(Genesis 2:17) but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat of it; for in the day that you eat of it you will surely die."
(WEB)

In the Hebrew it reads it a little different from what we just read in trying to find a translation that captures that clearly I found the Young Literal translation

(Genesis 2:17) and of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou

dost not eat of it, for in the day of thine eating of it--dying thou dost die.' (YLT)

This is God giving the commandment to Adam. Don't eat of the tree of knowledge of Good and Evil because if you do, you will die. But notice how Young translation states it which is read just like the Hebrew.

"for in the day of thine eating of it--dying thou dost die."

So it doesn't just speak of death but spiritual decaying death . You will die but in the process of it you will die . Both a spiritual death and a physical.

This why Ezekiel states

(Ezekiel 36:26) A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. (WEB)

Notice that it mentions that man needs a new spirit which only work can be done by God. Why is that? Because he is spiritually dead toward the things of God and will not seek God on his own. But there is a desire in man in the Old Testament to receive back this image of God.

(Psalms 17:15) As for me, I shall see your face in righteousness. I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with seeing your form. (WEB)

(Psalms 17:15) As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness. (NKJV)

David clearly had a desire to be restored back to that image which Adam had at the garden of Eden.

Chapter 4: Why is it important that Jesus bears the Image of God

In the New Testament we read that Jesus is the image of God.

(2 Corinthians 4:4) whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is

the image of God, should shine on them. (NKJV)

(Colossians 1:15) He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. (NKJV)

(Hebrews 1:3) who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, (NKJV)

When Jesus spoke or did a mighty at he asign all to the image he possessed.

(John 14:9-12) Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you such a long time, and do you not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father. How do you say, 'Show us the Father?' Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I tell you, I speak not from myself; but the Father who lives in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me; or else believe me for the very works' sake. Most certainly I tell you, he who believes in me, the works that I do, he will do also; and he will do greater works than these, because I am going to my Father. (WEB)

Here we see the relationship between the Father and the Son. But we also see Jesus is the very image of the Father. You see Jesus , you see the Father , You see Jesus' works , it is the Father's work.

(John 10:38) But if I do them, though you don't believe me, believe the works; that you may know and believe that the Father is in me, and I in the Father." (WEB)

(John 5:36) But the testimony which I have is greater than that of John, for the works which the Father gave me to accomplish, the very works that I do, testify about me, that the Father has sent me. (WEB)

Again Jesus mention his works as the works of the Father . The image of God is invisible. But it is revealed to us through Jesus Christ and his mighty acts. If you remember our first chapter I said that Eve recieved her image of

God through her husband Adam. And in that same way the Church aka believers in Christ receive thier image of God through a relationship with Christ Jesus. And this image the Christian is being mold to day by day.

(Romans 8:29) For whom he foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. (WEB)

Notice that the believer is being conformed to the image of God the Son. And What image does the Son bear ? That of God the Father. As we saw already.

(2 Corinthians 3:18) But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord, the Spirit. (WEB)

(Ephesians 4:24) and put on the new man, who in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of truth. (WEB)

(Colossians 3:10) and have put on the new man, who is being renewed in knowledge after the image of his Creator, (WEB)

(James 3:9) With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who are made in the image of God. (WEB)

And the time will come for each believer that they will be the perfect image of God in a moment time.

(Philippians 3:20-21) For our citizenship is in heaven, from where we also wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will change the body of our humiliation to be conformed to the body of his glory, according to the working by which he is able even to subject all things to himself. (WEB)

(1 John 3:1-3) Behold, how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! For this cause the world doesn't know us, because it didn't know him. Beloved, now we are children of God, and it is not yet revealed what we will be. But we know that, when he is revealed, we will be like him; for we will see him just as he is. Everyone who has this

hope set on him purifies himself, even as he is pure. (WEB)

This image of God is not for every person because not everyone is going to get the image of God. For those who are saved that image of God is for them.

Chapter 5: The Image of Satan

Those who are not saved, they have the image of Satan and are being transform to that image day by day. In John 8 Jesus tells the unbelieving Jews thier Father is Satan.

(John 8:44) You are of your father, the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and doesn't stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks on his own; for he is a liar, and the father of it. (WEB)

(Matthew 13:38) the field is the world; and the good seed, these are the children of the Kingdom; and the darnel weeds are the children of the evil one. (WEB)

Notice the Devil has his seed , children and as the children of God are being transform to the image of thier Father so too the unbeliever is being transform to the image of the Devil.

(1 John 3:8-10) He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. To this end the Son of God was revealed, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whoever is born of God doesn't commit sin, because his seed remains in him; and he can't sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are revealed, and the children of the devil. Whoever doesn't do righteousness is not of God, neither is he who doesn't love his brother. (WEB)

"doesn't commit sin" should be translated practise Sin according to the Greek.

The children of God bears the image of God and is seen by thier works,

They don't do works to be saved , they do thier good works because they are saved. They good works they do is evidence of thier salvation. So like Father like children . So what image does the unbeliever bears ? Satan's image. This is why the Bible is clear when it states God will reject thier image. He will reject thier image because thier image is not God's image which is recieved by the Son but is the every image of Satan.

(Psalms 73:18-20) Surely You set them in slippery places; You cast them down to destruction. Oh, how they are brought to desolation, as in a moment! They are utterly consumed with terrors. As a dream when one awakes, So, Lord, when You awake, You shall despise their image. (NKJV)

If you don't put your faith in Jesus and serve him you are of the devil and his image you will bear and are bearing.

Chapter 06: What was the effects of the Fall of Adam & Eve

Now lets move out of the subject of the image of God and see what was the effected by the Fall of Man. To understand what was effected we have to understand that everything there is, has some connection to the ground aka dirt. So when the ground was curse everything was cursed.

(Genesis 3:17) Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. (NKJV)

And in Genesis 4 we see the ground cursed again when Cain killed Abel.

(Genesis 4:10-11) And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground. "So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. (NKJV)

The ground being cursed explains earthquakes, and natural disasters.

A) Marriage was effected. If Adam and Eve would of lived forever they would of been married forever. And Marriage would not have a end.

Marriage it is till death do them appart

(Romans 7:2) For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband. (NKJV)

In the ressurection there is no marriage except the marriage of the lamb

(Matthew 22:30) "For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven. (NKJV)

Revelation 21:9 ¶ Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."

Death came as a result of Adam and Eve's sin , if that sin was not committed marriage would of had not end.

(Genesis 2:17) "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." (NKJV)

(Genesis 3:19) In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return." (NKJV)

B) Man was cursed because he came from the ground

(Genesis 2:7) And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. (NKJV)

This is why there is sickness , and men are subject to death due to that curse.

Man now needs to work for his food.

(Genesis 3:18-19) Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat

bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return." (NKJV)

(2 Thessalonians 3:10) For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. (NKJV)

Before this it was just a matter of grab whatever fruit you wanted and eating it not having to sow it or work the ground for it .

Now humans will have to die both spiritaully and physically

(Hebrews 9:27) And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, (NKJV)

God nows has to put a new spirit in man to he can follow him.

(Ezekiel 36:25-27) "Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. "I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. (NKJV)

(Ephesians 2:1) And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, (NKJV)

The depravity of man will be focus on the next chapter.

C) Women was cursed because she came from man who came from the ground

(Genesis 2:21-22) And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. (NKJV)

Now do to the fall her birth pains will increase and she has a desire to control her husband yet her husband is going to rule over her.

(Genesis 3:16) To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you." (NKJV)

The Word desire in hebrew imply a desire to rule over as seen in the next chapter in reference to sin.

(Genesis 4:6-7) So the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? "If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it." (NKJV)

She was made to be Adam's equal and helpmate.

(Genesis 2:20) And the man gave names to all cattle and to the birds of the air and to every beast of the field; but Adam had no one like himself as a help. (BBE)

(Genesis 2:18) Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." (NRSV)

D) Plant life , trees, vegetables , and fruits was effected by the fall because they came from the ground.

(Genesis 1:11-12) Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. (NKJV)

This is why Adam now has to work on the ground

(Genesis 3:18-19) Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread(NKJV)

And this why Cain was told the ground will not produce it's very best to him

Genesis 4:12 "When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you.....

E) The animals of all kinds are cursed because they came from the ground

(Genesis 2:19) Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. (NKJV)

F) The sea and the sky are cursed because they was and is both connected to the ground

(Genesis 1:6-7) Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. (NKJV)

(Genesis 1:9-10) Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good. (NKJV)

G) And if the sea is curse then the fishes and sea creatures that are in them are curse aswell

Genesis 1:21 So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

This why the scripture states the whole world is subject to vanity (useless).

(Romans 8:20-22) For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. (NKJV)

And this is why the Preacher words in Ecclesiastes speaks of all is vanity.

(Ecclesiastes 1:1-2) The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher; "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity." (NKJV)

Chapter 07: Total Depravity of man

Have you ever wonder why man is able to commit the worse of crimes? Or have you ever notice that after you been indwelt by the Holy Spirit you are still sinful. I am going to use two words that describes the depravity of man after Adam's fall. And the two words are Oringal Sin. Let's look at how sinful man is according to the scripture.

1) Man is a sinner at birth

(Psalms 51:5) Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me. (NKJV)

(Psalms 58:3) The wicked are estranged from the womb; They go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies. (NKJV)

This more than learning how to sin as some people would want you to think. When I had a debate with Therapist that was what he told me. That we learn how to sin. Which according to the Bible that is far from being right. Humanity doesn't need lessons on how to do what is wrong. Who taught the first murder how to commit a murder , the first thief , the first rapist how to commit thier wrong doing ? None , before Cain killed his brother he didn't went to a school to study the subject on the best way to kill a family member .

2) Man is a sinner from his relationship with Adam. Adam represents every mankind. And he was and is the ancienter of every man and woman. When Adam fell into sin . Adam's offspring was posion. A seed of

sin became a garden of death and decay. The root of the tree ruin the who tree with it's branches.

(Romans 5:14-15) Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. (NKJV)

(Romans 5:18-19) Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. (NKJV)

(1 Corinthians 15:21-22) For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. (NKJV)

See the comparism in these passages in Adam we all die , we are sinners , but in Jesus we are given new life , Spiritaul life and salvation.

3) Humans on thier own is unable to do anything good. All he or she does is evil.

(Job 15:14-16) "What is man, that he could be pure? And he who is born of a woman, that he could be righteous? If God puts no trust in His saints, And the heavens are not pure in His sight, How much less man, who is abominable and filthy, Who drinks iniquity like water! (NKJV)

When you get thirsty , you drink lots of water , so is humans when they are thirsty for sin, they sin alot.

(Galatians 5:19-21) Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred,

contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. (NKJV)

Notice: what man's sinful nature is called works of the flesh, The acts of the sinful nature, the deeds of the flesh. Here we saw what man can do without the working of God's Spirit in them. And none of it is good in comparison to the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. (Galatians 5:22-23 NKJV)

if we do any good, it is by God's Spirit. We have God's Spirit doing good but we have our flesh doing what is bad in us aswell. Just think of how evil people could be if there is no one to force the law. Currenty our president Joe Biden and his adminstration is a perfect example of total depravity. When he won the election I saw people throw bottles of bear at police cars and the cops was powerless to do anything. I also saw drug dealers selling drugs infront to the cops and it was legal. Store owners was told to let thieves rob them ,hurt them and not to defend themselves . A store owner in New York in self defense stab a person who was attempting to kill him and he got arrested. For what crime ? Self defense. Image for a moment if there was no higher authority to obey. In the time of BLM protest, a group of protesters told the cops we would handle the sitution on our own.This protest doesn't need you. In Just two days without the authority, there was two deaths , a burning building, and a person was raped. Humans need authority to keep them from trouble.

4) Man can not believe in God unless God moves them to

"But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. (John 10:26 NKJV)

But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him, that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: "Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?" Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again: "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, Lest they should see with their eyes, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them." These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him. (John 12:37-41 NKJV)

5) Humans are unable to understand anything about God

But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. (1 Corinthians 2:14 NKJV)

If you are reading what I am writing and you are able to understand them it is because God has open your eyes to spiritual truths so you could understand his words . Not because you understand them on your own. If I understand anything about God it is because God has open my mind and eyes to see those truth with understanding.

6) Man is unable to seek God

As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one; There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. (Romans 3:10-11 NKJV)

If you are seeking after God it is God who moved you to do so .

"No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. (John 6:44 NKJV)

7) Humans needs to be born again from above , A spiritual birth which he or she on thier own can not do.

Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus *said to Him,

"How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' (John 3:3-7 NASB)

8) Humans who are not saved is a enemy of God

because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so; and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. (Romans 8:7-8 NASB)

9) Humans before thier conversion to Christ is a captive to sin and Satan

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin. (John 8:34 NASB)

And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will. (2 Timothy 2:24-26 NKJV)

Notice Man before his conversion is a slave to sin and to Satan

10) Man is impowered by the Law to do Evil

Instead of the law bringing man to obedience to God , it brings instead rebellion against God.

What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "You shall not covet." But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead. I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died. And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death. For sin,

taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me. Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good. Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! But sin, that it might appear sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful. (Romans 7:7-13 NKJV)

The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. (1 Corinthians 15:56 NKJV)

The Law rightly used will bring someone to Jesus by showing them thier sinful condition but it is not the means of going to heaven because it only brings rebellion in the hearts of man.

Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. (Galatians 3:24 NKJV)

Chapter 8 Humans are a Trinity

Humans in many respects are three in one . We have a body, a Spirit and a Soul.

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 5:23 NKJV)

The Soul and the Spirit are not the same.

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12 NKJV)

If they can be divide that means they are not the same.

And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. (Luke 1:46-47 NKJV)

Nor can we conclude of the body being a soul or a spirit. For all three of

them have a different route after death.

Notice the destiny of the Body after death and the destiny of the Spirit
(Breathe of man) After they die.

In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground,
For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return."
(Genesis 3:19 NKJV)

Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, And the spirit will return to
God who gave it. (Ecclesiastes 12:7 NKJV)

The Soul at the moment of death is judged and sent into one of two places
Heaven or Hell.

And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,
(Hebrews 9:27 NKJV)

"But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you;
then whose will those things be which you have provided?' (Luke 12:20
NKJV)

"So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's
bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. "And being in torments in
Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his
bosom. (Luke 16:22-23 NKJV)

As we see by the verses we just read. The Body goes back to the ground to
be turned into dust. The Spirit which is the breathe of life goes back to God
who gave it. And the Soul is judged to go into one of two places after death ,
Heaven or Hell.

There will be a time when the dust of the body will be resurrected and be
judged with the soul.

For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth;
And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That in my flesh I shall see
God, Whom I shall see for myself, And my eyes shall behold, and not

another. How my heart yearns within me! (Job 19:25-27 NKJV)

The Bible does not teach about soul sleep. When it mentions sleep reference to death it is speaking about the body and not the soul.

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, **even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.** For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-16 NKJV)

Notice : "even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus."

Notice believers are coming back , but they coming back with Jesus. So where they was when they died? They was with Jesus.

This agrees with the rest of the scriptures about those who die with Christ. As soon as a person dies who believes in Jesus , they go to be with him in heaven.

Look at these verses that shows Jesus is in Heaven.

And He (Jesus) led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, (Luke 24:50-52 NKJV)

who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven." (Acts 1:11 NKJV)

"and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, "whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began. (Acts 3:20-21 NKJV)

But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!"
(Acts 7:55-56 NKJV)

So it is clear from all these passages that Jesus is in heaven. Now let's look at the other passages which state that when a Christian dies he goes to be with Jesus.

So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. For we walk by faith, not by sight. We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. (2 Corinthians 5:6-8 NKJV)

For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. For I am hard pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. (Philippians 1:21-23 NKJV)

If we are present with the Lord and the Lord is in Heaven, then the Christian is promised heaven at the moment of death.